

Trustees Order Condemnation Suit

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Plan Torrance School Improvement

New Well Extends Oil Field To Wilmington

Needed Extensions Proposed If Bond Issue Is Approved

Principal Bell Reports Plan Includes Enlargement of Elementary School or Entirely New Building

MUCH EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOLS HERE

Thirty-five Million-Dollar Bond Issue Election Will Be Held in L. A. District on June 3

Voters of the Los Angeles school district will cast ballots on June 3 on a proposition to bond for \$35,000,000 for school extensions.

Under the proposed extensions are included several improvements for the elementary school in Torrance.

Principal Bell of the Torrance elementary school submitted the following report to The Herald, outlining the proposed improvements here:

"Under the bond issue to be asked for from the voters June 3, this school has the following plans and promises. Naturally, these promises will be made good only if the growth of the city of Torrance warrants the expenditure of money to carry out the plans. Out of the last bond issue no money was planned for the new elementary school at Torrance, but because of the great growth here money was taken from some less rapidly growing community and given to this district.

"1. Present kindergarten room to be added to. Another room built on with folding doors between to permit two kindergarten classes. A stage at the end of this combined room would give a very good auditorium seating approximately five hundred people. The stage would be equipped so as to accommodate a small class such as an adjustment or opportunity room.

"2. Twelve or fourteen additional classrooms on the present building. "If population increases in some other portion of the city some of these rooms will probably be built for primary grades rather than to double the size of the present building.

For Schools Here

"The things which have already been passed by the board of education and planned for the coming year at the elementary building.

"These come out of bond money, which can be spent for buildings, land and equipment ONLY.

"1. Over five thousand dollars to be spent on an agriculture center with facilities for raising and propagating shrubs for all harbor district schools. This will be a two-acre tract, fenced, with tool houses, class room, nursery bed, cold frame, and over twenty garden plots with water piped to each.

(Note.—This garden is to be on the line between the elementary and high schools and pupils from both schools are to share it. A full time teacher will be assigned to this work.)

"2. In the combined home economics and sloyd bungalows a full line of equipment is to be placed. New tools valued at several hundred dollars are already delivered. Benches placed will be the signal for this work to start.

"Ranges, dishes—in short, a full kitchen equipment for three days of home economics work next fall—have been ordered. Hot water systems and other sanitary plumbing is already installed in both rooms. A model dining room will be installed for the girls.

"3. New steel playground equipment has already been approved by the superintendent as follows: Complete kindergarten assembly. Small apparatus for tiny folks exclusively. Unit No. 1, gymnasium frame; unit No. 2, incline ladder and poles; unit No. 3, vertical ladder and slide; basketball court; volleyball court.

"Already delivered and in course of construction are soccer goals; double handball court, cement foundation; backstop for indoor ball.

Will Weigh Children

"Scales have been delivered for measuring and weighing the children

when the term opens and at the end of the term.

"4. Over one hundred and fifty dollars has been appropriated to darken and prepare the double classroom on the upper floor for motion pictures. Curtains which will permit free ventilation of the room, and a picture screen are to be installed.

"5. A system of lawn sprinklers and a lawn are to be installed during the summer vacation. Plans already made.

"6. Seventy-five dollars' worth of shrubs and landscape trees for the front of the building have been ordered.

"7. A large double drinking fountain is promised for the back of the building.

"8. All bungalows used for agriculture, opportunity, home economics, and sloyd are to be equipped with gas radiators, eliminating the old coal stoves now in use. Money passed and work ordered. (Nearly three hundred dollars.)

"9. Sidewalk in front of building to be completed this summer.

"10. Screen to be put in teachers' lunch room.

"Many other small improvements too numerous to mention are planned. "The following data shows the present and proposed number on the teaching staff: Present enrollment, over 650; teachers, 17 full time, with principal; one special teacher.

"Planned for next year (teachers' salaries cannot be paid out of bond money): Two additional class rooms, agriculture teacher, sloyd teacher, additional time for present special teacher."

CLUB WOMEN TO NOMINATE ON THURSDAY

Thursday, May 22, at 2:30 p. m., in the music room of the high school, the Woman's club will have their regular business meeting, at which the primary election for officers will take place.

The program, consisting of a concert conducted by Van de Berg, pianist, and Campana, a baritone singer, will be given on the evening of the same day at 8 p. m., in the high school auditorium. There is no charge for admission, and the public is invited.

Local Folks Attend Grand Lodge Affair

Triple City Lodge No. 333, I. O. O. F., was represented at the Grand Lodge of California, held in Pasadena last week, by James H. Beckham, M. P. Richey and Ernest W. Brumpton.

The grand lodge was held in the Raymond theatre and the Hotel Maryland was headquarters for the grand officers.

W. B. A. NOTES

The Past Commanders' association will meet May 23, at 10:30 a. m., in the Fraternal hall at San Fernando.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray and daughter Dorothy, of North Arlington avenue, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John Akers of Glendale.

WHITE STAR'S EMPIRE NO. 1 NEAR HARBOR BOULEVARD, BROUGHT IN AT 150 BARRELS

Extending the field to include hundreds of acres not yet developed and placing northwest Wilmington in productive oil territory, the White Star Oil company Sunday brought in Empire No. 1 for a yield of 150 barrels of 19 gravity oil. The well is on the pump. It is located about a quarter of a mile west of Harbor boulevard and a few hundred feet north of the Wilmington-Salt Works road.

The bringing in of this well constitutes the most important development in the field since Consolidated Mutual Oakley No. 1 went on production, a mile to the north of the new producer. The Empire is making 8 per cent water, but this is believed to be due to a leak in the plug. The well was drilled to 3820 feet and several weeks ago came in wet. The hole was plugged back to 3725 feet for production.

Standing as the southeastern outpost producer in the field, the Empire proves up a vast acreage lying between the various Joughlin leases of the Sentinel, Standard and Superior Oil companies and E. J. Miley. Under large leases on which wells may be properly spaced, the territory thus proven will pay out nicely, according to observers of the field.

Observations

How France Returns Our Compliment to Carpentier—Wall Street, the Bonus and Peace—Black Jack Speaks

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

FROM the news from Paris stay-at-home Americans will learn what President Coolidge meant when he said that it would be too much to hope that foreign nations "love us."

The outburst of Parisians against the American rugby team and the hissing of the American flag indicate what every American who has traveled abroad since the war well knows—that in Europe there is little love for American institutions or persons.

In England, France and Germany the American traveler learns to his disappointment that our aims and ideals have been twisted and distorted and that the average European hates us intensely. The demonstration at the rugby game Sunday, with all its ugly significance and poor sportsmanship, stands in sharp contrast to the manner in which Americans received and honored M. Georges Carpentier at the time of his encounter with American Jack Dempsey at Boyle's Thirty Acres.

On this occasion the French boxer received a tremendous ovation. The hope of most Americans was that the athlete from overseas would knock the heavyweight champion for a repudiated peace treaty.

Never was the high caliber of international sportsmanship, as exemplified in the United States, more strikingly revealed.

In return the French boo our athletes, knock two American fans unconscious, and hiss the Stars and Stripes when it is hoisted over the field at Colombes.

If the French people harbor any hope that we intend to cancel their debt to us, they are taking a poor method of making their hope come true.

WALL STREET, representative plenipotentiary of big business, battled the bonus bill with all its might. While thousands of telegrams, inspired by big business, were flooding the senators at Washington, the Christian Science Monitor was conducting a national poll on a world peace plan, which would, if adopted by Congress, provide that in all future wars money, materials, property and industry be conscripted into the service as well as men.

No telegrams went forth from Wall street commending the Monitor on that plan. And yet such a provision would do more to prevent war and preserve peace than any other proposal so far brought forward.

According to the Monitor, five bills are now before Congress providing for the draft of capital in time of war.

If the present administration wishes to be remembered by posterity for some accomplishment other than the conducting of investigations, it will lend its support to the property-draft plan.

Wars should no longer be conducted on the send-your-boys-but-save-your-dollars basis.

And the sooner this country enacts a law for the conscription of property in time of national emergency, the sooner will national emergencies cease to exist.

Wall street objected to the bonus on the grounds of the public welfare. Will big business support the capital-draft proposal with equal patriotism?

ON June 3, citizens will vote on a proposal to bond for \$35,000,000 for school extensions in the Los Angeles district.

Southern California is proud of its schools. But its schools are deplorably inadequate to care for the constantly augmented population. So there is little question about success of the bonding proposal at the polls.

Everyone who believes in the right of every child to the best education possible, a right guaranteed by the constitution of the United States, everyone who thinks that there is merit in the American public school system, should vote "yes" on June 3.

TALK of making General John J. Pershing President Coolidge's running mate ended most abruptly. It ended with a sharp, brief announcement characteristic of the man who led the A. E. F. to victory. "I would not accept the nomination for the vice-presidency," said Pershing.

That is all. Not a word of qualification—just the flat statement.

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Cabrillo Avenue And Redondo Blvd. Strips Involved

City Attorney and City Engineer Told to Proceed With Steps Necessary to Acquire Property

TRAFFIC PROBLEM SPEEDS UP ACTION

Realty Board Letter Points Out Need of Wide Pavement Connecting El Prado Street With Post Avenue

The board of trustees Monday night took steps to condemn the rights of way of the Pacific Electric Railway company on Cabrillo avenue and Redondo boulevard, between the paved portions and the westerly limits of Post avenue.

The board authorized the city engineer and city attorney to take the steps necessary to start proceedings for the condemnation of the two pieces of property.

The action for the condemnation of Cabrillo avenue follows months of negotiations to induce the company to

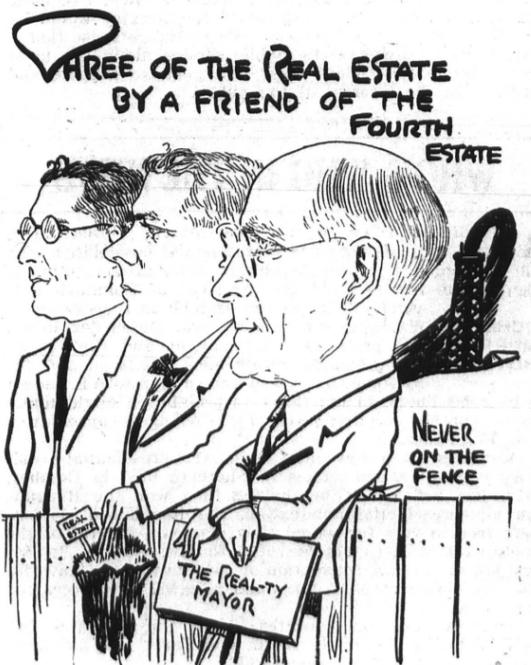
pave its right of way in order to provide more room for traffic and remedy the dust evil. The condemnation proceedings will include all of the right of way as far south as Carson street.

Condemnation of the strip on Redondo boulevard is deemed necessary by the board in order to provide space for the large amount of traffic which will enter Torrance from Western avenue when the pavement is completed.

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A TRIO OF REAL REALTORS

By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY



It is an invariable pleasure to interview real estate men. They are always pleasant, easy of approach, enlightening in discourse and courteous to a precision. They have a keen insight into the vagaries of human nature, since they deal in these things that are closely related to our intimate living. I have often wondered how they muster so much patience in their dealings with all classes of people. But they meet the public, and they are successful in any emergency.

This writer called at the handsome offices of Messrs. Gilbert, Hansen and Page—that bright, cheerful real estate headquarters that puts, one in mind of the pleasant counting rooms of the South Sea Islands. Here, indeed, is a genial trio. W. H. Gilbert, native of Massachusetts; for eleven years with the Pacific Electric and for the last five years of that service handling their land purchasing, an able man

and a most pleasant fellow to do business with. Mr. Gilbert is well known in Torrance.

Fred Hansen, of Danish descent, is a native of Wheeling, W. Va. Mr. Hansen has lived in California for years. He spent a good portion of his life on a ranch near San Bernardino, until '97, when he entered the employ of the Pacific Electric in the mechanical department. Being well trained in the realty trade, Mr. Hansen is found to be a worthy partner and a good counsellor.

W. H. Page is a native of Texas. He has been in California but a few months. Mr. Page was formerly identified with the business life of Dallas, Texas, where he was for years associated with the capitalist John B. Wilson. After Mr. Wilson's death Mr. Page administered the estate, and all five years of that service handling their land purchasing, an able man